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SUBJECT: LOPEZ-TORRIJOS MEETING

1. PANAMANIAN CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT, BRIGADIER GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS, MADE AN UNSCHEDULED VISIT TO BOGOTA ON THE EVENING OF SEPT 22.

2. THE PANAMANIAN LEADER CONFERRED FOR FOUR HOURS WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO ON THE EVE OF LOPEZ DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES. (LOPEZ IS NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART BOGOTA FOR BARRANQUILLA ON SEPT 23 AND ONE THE FOLLOWING DAY AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO PROCEED FROM THERE TO MIAMI.)

THE PANAMAIAIAN LEADER ATTRIBUTED HIS VISIT TO THE FACT THAT "A PROBLEM HAD ARISEN AT THE LAST MINUTE".

3. WHEN PRESSED BY BOGOTA NEWSMEN TO DIVULGE THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM,

TORRIJOS SAID IT WAS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL MATTER BUT BADE THEM TO USE THEIR IMAGINATIONS.

4. ALTHOUGH TORRIJOS REFUSED TO GIVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE NATURE OF HIS TALK WITH LOPEZ, HE DID SAY THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED MATTERS RELATED TO THE CURRENT US-PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS. TORRIJOS

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SAID THAT LOPEZ WOULD, DURING HIS VISIT TO THE US, BE THE

BEARER OF A MESSAGE FROM THE GOP TO PRESIDENT FORD AND, IN  
EFFECT, THE GO-BETWEEN CARRYING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE  
PANAMANIAN PEOPLE.

5. EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH FONOFF HAVE NOT AS YET PROVIDED ANY  
BASIS FOR AMPLIFICATION OF TORRIJOS REMARKS.

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